



(left to right) **Jim, Tom, Bob, Bruce and Dave**

Please give a pat on the back to the members of the **Broad Brook Coalition** who participated in the Saturday morning Environmental Challenge Fund Wetlands Construction Project at the Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area.

The Environmental Challenge Fund project, funded by NiSource Inc., was designed to address the problems of sediment (road sand) and contaminated stormwater degrading the water quality and wildlife habitat of Broad Brook and Fitzgerald Lake.

The project consisted of: the installation of granite curbing to solve the problem of stormwater from North Farms Road washing gravel from the parking lot into Broad Brook and Fitzgerald Lake; the creation of a large earthen berm perpendicular to the newly installed granite curbing to direct stormwater into the wetlands area; and the creation of a wetlands area to capture and treat stormwater flows before it reaches Fitzgerald Lake.

For more information on this project or for information on participating in sustainable environmental projects with the City of Northampton, please contact Bruce Young, Land Use and Conservation Planner at byoung@northamptonma.gov.